The NMRT held their Meet and Greet social on Wednesday April 22 at the Hilton Hotel Lounge. We had about 15 people attend.

A business meeting for NMRT was held on April 23rd during the annual conference. This was a chance to meet more of the new members and to find out how the new members roundtable can assist better during the year and at annual conferences.

TLA NMRT Business Meeting
April 23, 2015

Attended:
Nicole Tekulve
Willetta Grady
Linda Wyatt, Camden PL
Kate Smith, Clarksville Red River
Ginger Groves, Millersville PL
Kate Luwallen, TN Wesley

Questions were asked about what new members need to see at annual conferences.
Members responded with:
- Orientation session for new members, perhaps right after the General Session
- Mentoring system/“Big Sister”/Leadership program
- Get photos of new members on Facebook page

At conferences, New Members Roundtable should have a “station” where new members can meet or find out information, such as:
- Finding a new buddy to have lunch with
- Look at a directory and map on restaurants, stores, drug stores, etc.
- GPS app on conference rooms
- Perhaps have the Meet and Greet on Thursday, not day of pre-conference sessions as many only attend the main conference.
- Finding the information on the TLA website was difficult, many could not find the conference program information
- Clearer well-defined descriptions of programs were needed. Example, if the program was targeting more public library people than other audience groups, it should say so.
- On the same point, programming should spread out programs so that interest/levels are varied in an hour slot.
- Name Tags: Could not see person’s name until you are in their “personal bubble”.